

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-30 are all the claims pending in the application.

***Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103***

Claims 1-25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Zhao et al. (U.S. Publication No. 2003/0191802; hereinafter “Zhao”), in view of Oki et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,859,969). For at least the following reasons, Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection.

Independent claim 1 is amended and recites an application service system for client devices on an intranet, comprising, *inter alia*, a service-providing server for registering applications for client devices on the intranet, said applications provided from a plurality of service developers through a wired/wireless communication network, and for providing an application selected from a list of registered applications according to information on the client devices installed in the intranet, wherein said list of registered applications is automatically requested at a predetermined interval, by a service agent.

Independent claims 5, 8, 14, 18 and 22, are amended and recite one or more features analogous to amended claim 1.

Zhao is directed toward servicing service requests that are requested by service users, such as home devices. Zhao discloses that the home devices are also considered service providers (paragraph 43 and 45). All internal services, such as services provided by home devices, are registered in a local UDDI registry, which is compatible with a public UDDI registry such as those from IBM and Microsoft (paragraph 48). When a service request by a service user is made, a database which contains a list of service providers is searched, and the service user selects at least one of the results of the search (paragraphs 48 and 50). However, Zhao merely discloses searching the list of service providers in response to a service request made by a service

user. Zhao fails to teach or suggest the list of registered services either being requested or provided automatically, at a predetermined interval, as recited in independent claims 1, 5, 8 14 and 18.

Oki is merely relied upon as allegedly teaching the selection of an application form a list of registered applications, where a user makes the selection from the list. Oki fails to address the above-mentioned deficiencies of Zhao.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that independent claims 1, 5, 8, 14, 18 and 22 are patentable over the applied references. Applicant further submits that dependent claims 2-4, 6-7, 9-13, 15-17, 19-21 and 23-25 are patentable at least by virtue of their dependency from independent claims 1, 5, 8, 14, 18 and 22, respectively.

#### ***New Claims***

Applicant adds new claims 26-30, support for which may be found throughout the specification. Applicant respectfully submits that these claims are patentable at least by virtue of the subject matter recited therein, and at least by virtue of their dependency on claim 1.

#### ***Conclusion***

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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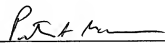
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